



# AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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HERBERT M. BERGEN

Past President

604 No. Harbor Blvd., FULLERTON, CALIF. 92632

January 14, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter of December 28 to Charles Hoskins regarding INS.

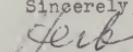
I also received a letter from him on that subject, but have not responded because I need to learn more about the overall objectives of the new organization.

Regarding ANACS, I want it known that I am having no part in its operation so long as it is under the influence and direction of Virgil Hancock and John Hunter. The troubles it has recently experienced are in my opinion due to interference by these two parties.

It is to be regretted that ANA has to suffer from what has happened, but until the membership elects better leadership I have no faith in any lasting improvement.

With best wishes for 1977, I am

Sincerely,

  
Herbert M. Bergen

cc: Charles Hoskins  
Ed Rochette  
John Pittman  
Adna Wilde



# AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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Virgil Hancock, President  
Box 936  
Bellaire, TX 77401

January 28, '77

Mr. Eric Newman  
Box 14020  
St. Louis, MO 63178

Good Morning, Eric -

"Why don't you call another 'round-table' meeting, such as Virginia initiated ? "

Having been asked that a couple of times, and never reluctant to steal a good idea, I've checked with some others who attended Virginia's sessions, and I've found no negative response.

So this, then, is my invitation to you to join a group of numismatists . . . both professional and collectors (and also ANA's "brass") . . . in a numismatic "outlook conference" . . . a discussion on Monday morning, February 28, 9:00AM, in either the Antlers-Plaza Hotel, Chase-Stone Center, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, or in Holiday Inn O'Hare-Kennedy, near the airport, Chicago.

After a luncheon break, we'll get together for an afternoon session at 1:30 PM.

No agenda has been prepared yet . . . we're after ideas, ideas for the good of all concerned, suggestions on "Where does ANA go from here ? "

You might imagine that you had an absolutely free hand, that you personally owned ANA . . . lock, stock, and barrel . . . with its present membership of some 31,000.

Then, what would you do, what goals would you set, to make ANA most productive, most effective, for the most folks in our hobby . . . in all branches of our hobby ?

Please let me know as soon as you can if you'll be able to join us . . . see the enclosed questionnaire.

Unfortunately, ANA won't be able to pick up your expense account for the session, but we hope you'll find it to be a perfectly justifiable expenditure.

With my cordial regards, I still sign off,

Virgil Hancock  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virgil".

PS...If the majority chooses Colo Spgs, you'll be interested in visiting ANACS . . . and give us suggestions re setting up ANA's grading service.

*Married response  
2/17/77*



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February 11, '77

Colorado Springs it will be . . . The Antlers-Plaza Hotel, Chase-Stone Center . . . by a 2-to-1 preference of those responding (excluding ANA board members' preferences).

The date . . . Monday, February 28 . . . 9:00AM . . . The Douglas Room . . . luncheon in The Pueblo Room.

Ed Rochette has reserved hotel rooms . . . for occupancy Sunday night, the 27th . . . for everyone who will attend the scheduled conference with ANA's board. Ed says he'll wangle special room rates for all. Those who at the last minute find they can come, tell the room clerk that you're part of the ANA meeting.

The discussion topics suggested are . . .

An interim statement by ANA re "ANA Official Grading Standards."  
Consider full review of grading standards by commercial firms.  
Grading standards administration.  
Impact of pending grading standards on the hobby.  
(One wrote, "Do not discuss grading . . . too lengthy.")

ANA Dealer relationship.  
Dealer awards for special efforts in numismatics.  
Convention finances.  
Selections for bourse tables.  
New ANA Dealer membership, "Professional Numismatist Member."

ANA auctions.  
"Prices" for the "right" to conduct the sale.  
Auction rigging.  
Fictitiously high "prices realized" publishing.

Picker judgment.  
Security room safeguards so dealers can get insurance for ANA conventions.

Press room facilities at ANA conventions.

ANA Hawaii convention in 1981.

Today's state of the hobby's marketplace.  
Can ANA popularize coin collecting, numismatics vs. investing ?  
Hobby publicity.

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(Today's state of the hobby's marketplace . . . continued . . .)

New collectors.

New ANA members, membership incentives.

The "pro" and the "con" of much larger ANA membership.

Lack of ANA public relations program.

Possible upgrading of benefits to ANA members.

Public relations standard to help state and local shows.

Washington, DC, contacts.

Hobby representation in Washington, DC.

Sale of replicas.

Proliferation of publications by ANA splinter groups.

Campaign to raise funds for a second story on ANA building.

Long-term, on-going campaign to raise adequate funds to create endowment fund for operation of ANA headquarters.

Closer liaison, ANA members and ANA officers.

ANA leadership selection by some other formula.

Failure of The Numismatist to publish submitted material.

ANACS.

The foregoing suggested topics will not limit the agenda.

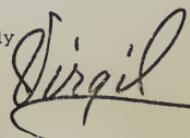
If you have an additional topic you'd like discussed, please give the question to the meeting's chairman for inclusion in the agenda.

To you who've submitted the foregoing topics, my personal thanks. And, with such a wide-ranging assortment of problems being discussed freely by the folks whom I've invited, I know I'm in for a liberal education . . . as will be, I feel, all of us on ANA's present board.

To each of you who is unable to fit the date of this meeting into your previously prepared schedule, I want you to know we'll miss you and your ideas . . . and please consider this your raincheck for a future gathering.

Sincerely

Virgil Hancock  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 7, 1977

Mr. Glen Smedley  
American Numismatic Association  
818 North Cascade  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Glen:

It was a pleasure to see your continued devotion to A.N.A. and to visit you in your lair. You really are the security system, the writer, the guide, the hospitality committee and the numismatic patriarch and enthusiast.

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the Roundtable. Although many others were asked to come I realize the smaller group we had was quite effective.

When you get back to Illinois I would so much like to have the Gwynne & Day (or possibly the Dye) counterfeit detector you have. I want to send you something as nice or reimburse you. It would add to my nice library of this material.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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American Numismatic Association  
P.O. Box 2866  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

EDWARD C. ROCHETTE,  
Executive Vice-President

March 23, 1977

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

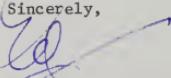
Dear Eric:

I wish we had had more time to get together during your very brief visit to Colorado Springs earlier this month. Both Faye and I would have loved to have had you as our guest and have spent an evening of relaxation at our home, but I think you understand the situation.

I want to use this opportunity to extend my personal appreciation for all the help and assistance that you have rendered the ANA through ANACS. Whether you realized it or not, your counseling and strong support made the transition from Washington to Colorado Springs a great deal easier.

I do hope that you can plan on visiting Colorado Springs again at a time when we are not pressed with Board meetings and Association affairs.

Sincerely,

  
Edward C. Rochette  
Executive Vice President

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May 24, 1977

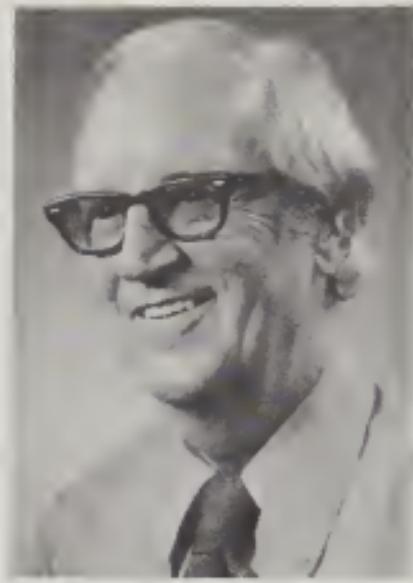
Dear Eric:

My first trip home was in connection with the Central States Convention in Milwaukee. I brought back the "counterfeit" detector book we talked about when you were here. It is dated 1860, titled The Descriptive Register of Genuine Bank Notes, for the Detection of Spurious and Altered Bills, .... by Every Bank in the United States and Canada, published by Gwynne & Day, Bankers, No. 12 Wall St. 154 pp. incl. 2 supplements presumably of the same date because the paging is continuous.

The contents are in very good condition. I had it rebound in 1970 with the original embossed covers mounted on the new binding - a truly first class job. If you need it for your library I'll send it to you.

Kindest Regards,

Glenn



ANA Governor  
Glenn B. Smedley  
Author  
of  
Numismatic Vignettes

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GLENN SMEDLEY  
Temporarily at  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80901

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 1, 1977

Mr. Glenn Smedley  
American Numismatic Association  
P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Glenn:

Your thoughtfulness in following up on the Gwynne & Day item is most appreciated. It so happens that I do not have any edition of it in 1860 or 1861, so this will fill a very open area. I would be delighted to receive it.

I reserve the privilege of further reciprocation when I find something I think you could enjoy.

Thanks again. I'll see you in August or earlier.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ANA Atlanta

THE CURRENCY CLUB  
of Chester County, Pa.

presents its

# ANNUAL MEETING

*honoring*

MR. ABE KOSOFF

Saturday, August 27, 1977  
1:00 p.m.  
Patio Room, Marriott Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

## AGENDA

Call to Order ..... *Ed Koernig, President*

Prayer ..... *Chaplain*

*John Morris, Jr*

### Introduction of Officers:

*Harvey Lee, Vice-President*

*Al Burke, Treasurer*

*Joyce Ann Aspen, Secretary*

*Dr. Nelson Page Aspen, Program Chairman*

Introduction of Guests ..... *Dr. Aspen*

Old Business ..... *Assembly*

New Business ..... *Assembly*

Tribute to Mr. Kosoff ..... *Chuck O'Donnell*

As I See It! ..... *Mr. James A. Conton*

ERIC NEWMAN

Presentation of Past Pres. Medal ..... *Val Paspolsky*

JOHN PITTMAN

Closing Prayer ..... *Chaplain*

Close Meeting (Approximately 2:00 P.M.)

30 people present

*Susan Kleeman, Abe's daughter*

# Johnson & Jensen

D WAYNE "DICK" JOHNSON  
CHRIS JENSEN

COMMEMORATIVE & HISTORICAL MEDALS • FINE ART MEDALS • 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MEDALLIC ART

"SCULPTURE IN COLLECTIBLE FORM"

June 28, 1977

Dear Hank and Marsha:

This is to inform you, Henry G. Spangenberger, that you will be inducted into a 'super-secret numismatic organization on Friday, August 26, 1977, during the convention of the American Numismatic Association. Please reserve the time from 8 to 10 am to attend the induction ceremony.

This organization is named for one of the founders of the American monetary history. It's name, however, has been kept secret for the past 186 years, revealed only to those numismatists who achieve a certain level of pre-eminence in our chosen field. I cannot reveal the name of this organization, nor the identity of its members, nor any other precepts of this organization until you have been formally inducted into its ranks.

There are to be no other inductees and you are to mention this ceremony to no other living person. The meetings of this organization are so secret that only one meeting has been held in the past 25 years. Further details will be revealed to you in due time.

Do not fear. This is not a hoax; nor is your selection taken lightly. You have been chosen by a group of your peers to be honored as the only inductee for the year 1977. Only one other numismatist has been so honored this quarter century. We will reveal ourselves to you only in due time.

Breakfast will be served at the meeting in which you will be inducted. This will be at a restaurant at or near the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta during the ANA convention. Marsha is to accompany you, Henry G. Spangenberger, but again, you are cautioned to keep all details of this meeting confidential. Members must remain anonymous until you meet with them under the proper pomp and circumstances.

I will convey to you the exact location of the ceremony prior to Friday, August 26th. It gives me great pleasure to send this letter to you.

Most respectfully,



*Dick Johnson*  
D. Wayne Johnson

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"SCULPTURE IN COLLECTIBLE FORM"  
August 15, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Please reserve Friday morning for our breakfast meeting of the Rittenhouse Society at the ANA Convention. We will have an initiation of Hank Spangenberger into our little group (as per the enclosed invitation).

Restaurant location will be announced at the hotel from 8 to 10 a.m. on Friday the 26th.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,



D. Wayne Johnson

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 28, 1977

Mr. John Hunter  
American Numismatic Association  
P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear John:

We have been asked for our opinion about a Silver Center Cent. The identical coin was sent to us by ANACS (A-3795) and we gave an opinion of falsity in January, 1976. The shocker is that plating on the coin has been deliberately removed between then and August, 1977. We would like you to send us a copy of the opinion ANACS gave the owner in early 1976. I realize you cannot tell the name of the one who submitted it without further authorization.

The ownership of the piece has apparently changed since then whether with or without disclosing the opinion, but it is now held on a basis of having a \$30,000 value. Perhaps you should write the owner and ask what were the circumstances of the sale, when, to whom, what price, with opinion or not, etc. It may have changed ownership more than once. If an A.N.A. member is involved it may have further implications. Perhaps the owner will let you tell us.

The Silver Center Cent given to the A.N.A. on June 10, 1976 (your control #C-1589) should be sent to us now as this situation has become of much greater importance.

May I have your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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# AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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F. MORTON REED

GOVERNOR

1572 BELLEVUE DR., WOOSTER, OHIO 44691

November 29, 1977

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO

Eric, old friend, I need your help.

As Chairman of the Awards Committee I can use your expertise in helping select the winner of the Farran Zerbe Award, the Medal of Merit winner and the Heath Award.

Other members of the Committee are:

Abe Kosoff  
Margo Russell  
N. Neil Harris  
Virginia Culver  
David Gantz

We must choose one winner for the Zerbe award; no more than five for the Medal of Merit and one for the Heath Award. My suggestions will follow in a few weeks.

Assuming you will serve, I am in your debt.

With personal regards,

*Mort*  
F. Morton Reed

Governor ANA

Chairman Awards Committee

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 5, 1977

Mr. Morton Reed  
1572 Bellevue Drive  
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Dear Mort:

I have your letter of November 29, 1977.

I will be delighted to serve on the awards committee as to the Zerbe Award and the Medal of Merit, BUT

as to the Heath Award I would like to disqualify myself because I had an article in The Numismatist in 1977 and will also have one in 1978. If you feel it is proper to have someone who will serve to vote in all three award categories, you should select a substitute and eliminate me altogether.

I am sure both of us understand the inadvisability of a potential conflict of interest.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. N. Neil Harris

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 30, 1977

Mr. Neil Harris  
American Numismatic Association  
P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Neil:

Here is the article on the Philadelphia find. It is nice and early so that it can be edited, composed and proofread without a rush.

The final schedule of the coins found could be put somewhere within the article instead of at the end.

The size of the pictures is strictly up to you, but the pictures of the coins should be generally the same size if possible.

The order of the pictures can be changed as you feel will be most appealing.

Please try to have Ed make lighter positives of the Immune Columbia piece as he has the negatives on hand. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as you are ready to put me to work again on it.

Please return the pictures to me in due course after prints are made.

The other author and I will need together approximately ten tear sheets and 25 complete copies of the magazine.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 30, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Hallenbeck  
American Numismatic Association  
P. O. Box 2366  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Ken:

I enclose the description of the counterfeit 1891 silver certificate signed by Tillman and Morgan. It carries face plate number D1 and back plate 2.

I hope this is helpful to you with respect to the gift which has been received.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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